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HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 20th March, 2023

No.6220—PT3-HUD-REFM-SCH-0011/2015/HUD.—WATCO was granted permission Notification No. 7017/HUD., dated the 26th March, .2021. to establish the "Odisha Water Academy" (OWA) in Bhubaneswar as a training and capacity building institution for personnel working in WATCO. PHEO, OWSSB, etc., at both managerial and worker levels, in the field of water and wastewater service provision.

Over the past two years, OWA has become a leading institution for training and skills development in the areas of 24x7 DFT and FSM. and has provided exposure visits and institutional training in SWM, city-wide inclusive sanitation, and other areas due to demand from cities in the State, as well as other States in the Country and neighboring countries.

The State has implemented new models of urban governance and development, including 24x7 DFT, decentralized and non-sewered FSM., decentralized SWM. urban wage employment initiative - MUKTA and Jaga Mission. These initiatives have fostered deeper community partnerships, empowering marginalized communities and promoting truly inclusive and sustainable urban governance and development. To meet the emerging need for an institution to provide training and upgrade the skill sets of stakeholders at all levels (including officials, elected representatives, and community partners such as MS SHGs. SDA. TGs, etc.), document the processes involved, and formalize these initiatives in a structured manner. the government has decided to expand the scope of OWA by changing its name to "Odisha Urban Academy" and strengthening the institution.

The academy is expected to not only meet the capacity building needs of the State but also to address the emerging needs of other' States and Countries interested in adopting the Odisha models. This notification will come into effect immediately.

By Order of the Governor
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